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TAGS: PFOR, MA, NK, US

SUBJECT: PROTEST OF MALAGASY AND NORTH KOREAN ATTACKS

DELIVERED TO MALAGASY GOVERNMENT

REFS: (A) STATE 157609 (NOTAL), (B) ANTANANARIVO 1245

1. UNABLE TO OBTAIN APPOINTMENT WITH EITHER FOREIGN MINISTER OF SEC-GEN, OR EVEN TO CONTACT THE DIRECTOR OF BILATERAL RELATIONS, I DELIVERED NOTE OF PROTEST TO ALWAYS-ACCESSIBLE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL. I EXPRESSED REGRET THAT IT WAS TO HIM I WAS DELIVERING THIS PROTEST AS THE LAST TIME I HAD SEEN HIM WAS TO DELIVER PRESIDENT CARTER'S NATIONAL DAY GREETING TO PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA. IN ADDITION TO USING APPROVED TALKING POINTS IN REF B, I SAID, STRESSING THAT I WAS GOING BEYOND MY INSTRUCTIONS, THAT I HAD BEEN TRYING TO IMAGINE A REVERSE SCENARIO SO THAT THE MALAGASY GOVERNMENT COULD UNDERSTAND OUR INDIGNATION. I THEN ASKED WHAT WOULD BE THE REACTION OF HIS GOVERNMENT IF WE HAD PROVIDED A SIMILAR PLATFORM FOR COMORIAN OFFICIALS TO ACCUSE MADAGASCAR OF HAVING DELIBERATELY PERPETRATED THE MAJUNGA MASSACRE. I ALSO TOLD HIM THAT, ALTHOUGH I HAD NOT FOUGHT IN THE KOREAN WAR, I HAD VIVID RECOLLECTIONS OF IT HAVING, BECAUSE OF THE NORTH
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KOREAN ATTACK, BEEN DRAFTED INTO THE ARMY IN SEPTEMBER 1950 IMMEDIATELY AFTER HAVING TAKEN THE FSO EXAMS, AND CONSEQUENTLY HAVING HAD THE BEGINNING OF MY CAREER DELAYED BY 2 AND 1/2 YEARS. UPON LEAVING, I SPECIALLY REQUESTED THAT IN CONVEYING THE NOTE AND MY WORDS TO HIS MINISTER HE STRESS THAT I HAD NOT COME TO DELIVER AN ULTIMATUM OR A WARNING, BUT ONLY TO MAKE A STATEMENT OF FACT

AND TO SPEAK TO THE MALAGASY AUTHORITIES WITH THE FRANKNESS
WHICH I OWED TO THEM IN VIEW OF MY POSITION HERE.

2. CHIEF OF PROTOCOL WAS UNDERSTANDING, AS IS HIS WONT, AND
SAID THAT US HAD, OF COURSE, NO CHOICE BUT TO PROTEST THE
STATEMENTS MADE. HE SAID THAT HE REGRETTED MINISTER HAD NOT
BEEN ABLE TO RECEIVE ME, AS THIS TOPIC MERITED A HIGH-LEVEL
MEETING, BUT THAT HE WOULD DELIVER THE NOTE TO HIM
IMMEDIATELY. HE ALSO INFORMED ME THAT A JULY 4 CONGRATULATORY
MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA WAS ON ITS WAY TO PRESIDENT
CARTER.BARRETT

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